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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gordon, J.F., *et al.*

Appl. No: 09/988,850

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR BLOOD TYPING WITH OPTICAL
BIO-DISCS

Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 111465-128

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as described below.

On page 1, please delete the paragraph immediately following the section title "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" and insert therefor:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application
No. 60/249,477, filed November 17, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application
No. 60/252,723⁶, filed November 22, 2000. These applications are hereby
incorporated by reference into the subject application in their entireties.